

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL
BLACK KNIGHTS
MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD



PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK
2009-2010

THIS HANDBOOK IS PROVIDED TO HELP STUDENTS AND PARENTS
UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERSHIP
IN THE BAND PROGRAM.

Welcome To The Stamford High School Marching Band & Color Guard!

This Handbook has been designed to help students and parents gain a better understanding of the entire band program. As the director I know that the first introduction to the band program can be very confusing. Time, sports, and academics are all big concerns. Here are some commonly asked questions.

Q: Is Marching Band all year?

A: No, the competitive Marching Band season ends in early November with only two parades to follow.

Q: Can you do band and sports?

A: Yes, but you must be extremely well organized and responsible. The band and athletic programs need to know WELL IN ADVANCE of conflicts. Students who are athletes and musicians must split practice time evenly, and are expected to attend all band performances. There is room for academics, athletics, and music, as long as you plan carefully.

Q: Will my grades suffer from doing band? Will I have time to study?

A: Definitely not! Many band members take multiple AP classes and are NHS members. There is far less time to procrastinate during marching season. This teaches students how to manage their time, and most band members' grades are higher in the fall.

Q: Why does band rehearse so much? Will I have time to be with my friends and family?

A: The band actually spends less time rehearsing in school and after, than the sports teams practice after school alone. But we strive for excellence, and being the best at what we do takes practice. Performances are only fun if they are successful. And in the case of many students, after a few weeks in band, you will find that time spent at rehearsal *is* time spent with your friends.

Q: What is Preseason???

A: Preseason is a period of training and rehearsal for marching band prior to the start of classes. It is mandatory for all members, in order to learn our show in a timely manner. The band will rehearse from morning through the evening, with ample breaks for lunch and water. It's a great time to concentrate on band without any distractions. Activities in Band Camp include music rehearsal, basics of marching, exercise, show rehearsal and section bonding time. It is an intense week, but for many, their favorite time of the season.

I hope that you find this handbook useful and a good reference. For many SHS graduates, marching band activities created some of their favorite moments in high school. When you step onto the field for your first performance, and get the adrenaline rush from playing music with your friends, you will understand why we work so hard. Congratulations on your decision to play in the Black Knights Marching Band. I am thrilled to have you as a part of our team!

Phil Waselik – Band Director

TO DO List:

STUDENTS

Here are things you must do before Preseason to make sure your experience in Marching Band is fun and successful:

- Obtain your own instrument prior to the start of Preseason. The following instruments are provided by the school: all percussion, tubas, baritones, mellophones, baritone saxophones, trombones, flags, rifles, sabres.
- **Pay your dues!** Dues are absolutely necessary to maintaining the program we have. They pay for props, drill, staff, travel, food, etc. **Before the beginning of Preseason, Monday, August 17th, \$100.00 from every student is required.** Those who do not pay will be asked go home, unless spoken to before hand. It is strongly recommended that if you cannot pay your dues in full, you must start making payments the spring before the season begins.

IMPORTANT!!

\$100.00 MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP. PLEASE REFER TO DUES REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 13.

- Completely fill out the attached forms found in the back of this handbook and bring them with you on the first day of band camp.

YOU CANNOT PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT HAND IN ALL COMPLETED FORMS.

- Contact Mr. Waselik to discuss any band camp conflicts ASAP! You can call him at 977-4306 or email at pwaselik@ci.stamford.ct.us or phillip.waselik@yahoo.com
- Please understand that **Preseason** is a VITAL part of our success. Only with every member present can we learn our show together and perform well at the start of the season.

Parents! A Must:

The SHS Band Parents Association, Inc. is the managing unit of this program. It is because of parental involvement that we are able to accomplish what we do, for every season. Parents are needed to work in the following areas:

- Percussion Set-up (known as Pit Crew) at all performances
- Show Props Set-up (known as Set Crew) at all performances
- Quarter Master Committee (uniforms)
- Instrument Maintenance and Repair
- Bus and Performance Chaperones
- Fundraising

Stamford High School Marching Band & Color Guard 2009-2010 Schedule

Please Note:
Schedule is subject to change. Exact dates for all events TBA.

<p>Preseason: (Full Band – Winds, Guard and all Percussion) <u>August 17th-21st</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session I – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00- Music rehearsal • Lunch Break 12:00-12:45 – All students must BRING a lunch. No students will be permitted to leave school grounds to eat. If they do not bring a lunch, they will not eat. • Session II – 12:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Drill rehearsal (Then dinner- same as lunch. No students are to leave.) • Session III- 5:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. - Ensemble rehearsal. Put drill and music together. <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">*Each student is required to attend all sessions. **Each student provides own meals.</p>						
<p>2009-2010 Parades (usually on Sundays)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">November TBA:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Veterans Day Parade</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">November TBA:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Holiday Parade</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">May TBA:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Memorial Day Parade</td> </tr> </table>	November TBA:	Veterans Day Parade	November TBA:	Holiday Parade	May TBA:	Memorial Day Parade
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<p>2009-2010 Competitions (subject to change)</p> <p>Sept. 12 – Bethel High School</p> <p>Sept. 26 – McMahon High School</p> <p>Oct. 3 – Trumbull High School</p> <p>Oct. 17 – Newtown High School</p> <p>Oct. 24 – <u>Stamford Home Show</u> (Day Show) and Shelton High School</p> <p>Oct. 31 – Bunnell High School and Montville High School</p> <p>Nov. 8 – Annapolis Maryland (Navy Stadium) for USSBA National Championships</p> <p>Nov. 14 – MAC Championships (Bridgeport Stadium)</p>						
<p>Stamford High School Football Schedule (Friday nights) TBA</p>						

Student's Musical Responsibilities

The primary focus of any band is music. The quality of the group is dependent on the quality of the individuals. Improvement for us all happens in only two ways: *instruction and practice*. Mr. Waselik and the staff work hard to make this experience educational and enjoyable. Therefore, all students are required to practice on their own time. Group rehearsal isn't enough to make a great band!

STUDENTS MUST TAKE THEIR INSTRUMENTS HOME FOR ADDITIONAL PRACTICE.

All music needs to be learned over the summer, to the best of students' abilities. The band director will be giving lessons all summer to help us achieve this goal, and music instruction continues into the school year.

It is the students' responsibility to protect and care for their instrument. All instruments must be stored in appropriate instrument cases.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED FOR EVERY REHEARSAL:

1. instrument or guard equipment
2. mouthpiece, valve oil, reeds, drum sticks, mallets, etc. for their instrument
3. all music, even if it's memorized
4. pencil
5. dot or drill book

Students are responsible for the purchase of their own reeds, mouthpieces, mallets, drumsticks, etc.

*****Private Lessons- HIGHLY REQUESTED!!!**

It is a well-known fact among musicians that private lessons, in combination with school study, will lead the student to their highest level of excellence. The band director doesn't have the schedule time to provide individual lessons to all students, so without private lessons, students do not develop all the possible techniques on their instruments. With the expertise of a private teacher, students will have more individual attention and undeniably greater success with music.

If you are interested, feel free to call Mr. Waselik for names of teachers in the area. Don't forget – college students can be great instructors! They will give professional quality lessons at a lower price.

Band Member & Color Guard

Rehearsal & Performance Responsibilities

ALL STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF ALL REHEARSALS.

Attendance is **mandatory** for band. Students are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances on time and ready to begin at or before the designated start time for an individual activity.

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE:

ALL SCHEDULING CONFLICTS INVOLVING BAND EVENTS (BOTH REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES) MUST BE BROUGHT TO Mr. Waselik's ATTENTION, *IN WRITING, AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE CONFLICT*. PLEASE MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO AVOID CONFLICTS.

IMPORTANT!

**BAND CAMP WILL NOT BE CANCELED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER;
REPORT TO THE BAND ROOM.**

FALL WEEKLY REHEARSALS: Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals from **5:30-8:30** p.m. when school is in session **and** Saturdays at announced times.

Rehearsals and Performances

- All evening rehearsals will be held at either the rehearsal field or the stadium field. Students are required to be at the rehearsal site (not the band room) at the **start** of rehearsal ready to perform.
- Students should dress appropriately for rehearsals. Comfortable sneakers and socks are required. As the weather gets colder, prepare accordingly: warm clothing in layers, gloves, hats, etc.
- **For safety and liability concerns:**
 - i. Students are not permitted to leave rehearsal early.
 - ii. Students are not permitted to leave the rehearsal site, even during breaks.

PERFORMANCES

All members are required to attend all performances. The band director will provide a list of all performances far in advance of the season's start. All conflicts must be reported to the director **one month prior to the performance**. Please fill out the attendance form and return to the director prior to band camp. Performances will include, but not be limited to, all home football games, Veterans Day Parade, Holiday Parade, Memorial Day Parade, and MAC competitions. Everyone must be at performances in order to maximize our show quality and not to make the other students suffer through a performance with out their teammates.

Please Note: Rehearsal and performance dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

LOCKERS:

The band room is equipped with many instrument lockers of varying sizes. All members of the SHS Marching Band are entitled to use them. Students are highly encouraged to bring in a combination or key lock and ask the director for a locker. This will prevent instrument damage and theft of personal property.

****No lockers will be given with out the student in an ensemble and the Director must have the combination. If the Director does not have the combination, the lock will be cut off and material inside will be discarded. This is for everyone's protection.**

Procedures for Events & Performances

UNIFORMS

Please note: Students are responsible for and are expected to appropriately store and care for their uniforms and all uniform parts.

Students will be fined for damage to or loss of their band uniforms.

- “Full Uniform” is defined as: pants, black socks, drillmaster shoes, jacket, hat, plume, sash, gauntlets. Guard in costume.
- Uniforms are either ALL ON or ALL OFF. Our professional image is ruined by band members walking around in just pants, for instance. Students will all change at the same time in a location determined, NOT in public.
- After each performance the students are required to put on the **warm-ups**. No street clothes are allowed.

TRANSPORTATION

- Students are not to leave a performance site for any reason, except an emergency.
- If a student needs to leave a competition early, they may leave after the band's performance with a parent (**Only a parent**). A note from the parent is required ahead of time.

PARADE PROCEDURE

- Students will meet at the school and ride the bus to the parade start site.
- Chaperones will march alongside both sides of the band during the parade.
- At the conclusion of the parade, students will reassemble immediately on the buses unless otherwise specified by the director.

COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- Students will ride SHS busses to all competitions. Each competition day has a different schedule, to be distributed before the performance day.
- Chaperones and staff will accompany the band and assist as needed.
- At the conclusion of the band's performance, students will meet at a designated area for critique and further instructions given by the director.

HOME FOOTBALL GAME PROCEDURE

- Students will assemble in full uniform in the band room for warm-ups at designated time.
- Students should carry flip folders with pep music on their person. The band plays the National Anthem from the stands before kick-off.
- Students are dismissed as a group, generally after the halftime performance. Specific instructions will be given before each game.

A Day in the Life

Typical Weeknight Rehearsal:

Arrive at 5:15, get instrument, flag, music, etc. and meet at field for stretching and running

5:30 - Sectional music and/or drill practice, water break

6:00 - Fundamentals practice

7:00 - Full band rehearsal in stadium

End of practice - Transport equipment back to Band Room

Typical Football Game:

Arrive 1 ½ hours before kick-off, put on uniform

Warm up as a group and march to the stands

Perform National Anthem in the stands, as well as pep music for the first half

Perform rehearsed halftime show

Assemble for critique and announcements, then dismissal

Typical Competition Day:

Rehearsal in the morning with lunch at the school

Load the busses and pit truck 2 hours prior to performance time

Drive to competition, warm up as a group – start time generally 4-6pm

March in to a cadence and perform for hundreds of people, and several judges!

March off, meet with director and staff for critique and information

Change out of uniforms, have dinner and watch bands with friends

Drum Major and captains retreat in full uniform for awards ceremony, generally 8-9pm

Band is ranked and possibly given a trophy or plaque

Band reports to busses and returns to SHS

Everyone helps unload pit truck and then everyone goes home

Parental Involvement

**FACT: PARENTAL PARTICIPATION ENHANCES EVERY STUDENT'S BAND EXPERIENCE.
HELP US GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST EXPERIENCE HE OR SHE CAN HAVE. GET INVOLVED!**

Parental involvement is critical for the success of the band program. All parents are urged to become active members of the **Band Parents Association** and assist in the organization's efforts. The main goals of the Band Parents Association are:

1. Raise funds to support the band program and actively participate in all programs and events.
2. Encourage the students and their program in a positive, supportive way.
3. Provide support and assistance as chaperones and role models.

The Association sponsors fundraisers throughout the year which often require 100% participation from students and parents. Again, assistance from all families is a necessity for the success of the band program.

Parents with specific talents or contacts that may enhance the band program are encouraged to discuss them with the director. Parents are needed for quartermaster duties (uniform maintenance and distribution), chaperones, construction, etc. Those seeking extra involvement are encouraged to run for office in the organization or attend steering committee meetings.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend SHS Band rehearsals! It's good for parents to see how rehearsals run, and gives them a chance to see the staff and students in action. Parents are also strongly encouraged to attend all performances and competitions in which the band participates. This encouragement is valued by your sons and daughters, even if they don't show it!

THE HOME COMPETITION

EACH SEASON, THE SHS BAND SPONSORS A HOME COMPETITION. THE HOME COMPETITION IS OUR PRIMARY FUND RAISER. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF PRE-PLANNING AS WELL AS PERSONAL COMMITMENT ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL PARENTS BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY OR ALL ASPECTS OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. THE ASSOCIATION HOPES THAT ALL PARENTS WILL CLEAR THEIR SCHEDULES AND BE AVAILABLE TO OFFER THEIR SERVICES DURING THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

PARENTAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR ON-SITE PERFORMANCES

- 1 Quartermaster prior to performance with equipment for repair of uniforms
- Pit Crew (10 adults)
- Set Crew (10 adults)
- Beverage parents: water or hot cocoa as temperature dictates
- All parents are encouraged to sit together to the left of the press box adjacent to the band

PARENTAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AWAY PERFORMANCES

- 2 chaperones per bus (currently 3 buses). Each set of chaperones will be equipped with a supply bag containing first aid supplies, water, etc.
- 1 Quartermaster with equipment for repair of uniforms

- 1 runner (holds medical data, attendance)
- Pit crew (exception: parades)
- Set Crew
- Beverage parents: water or hot cocoa as temperature dictates

**Parents are encouraged to wear black and orange or an SHS band jacket during competitions, performances and parades.

MEETINGS

- Band Parents Association meetings will be held the first **Thursday** of each month at 7:30pm in the band room (407).

Financial Responsibilities

In order for successful operation of the Stamford Band, funds must be raised. Each student has an individual financial responsibility to the band, which is set by the Stamford High School Band Parents Association in conjunction with the Stamford Public Schools. A treasurer's report is read at each Band Parents monthly meeting.

Band dues for each student are due and payable no later than the first day of band camp.

Student Accounts and fundraising credits: The essential purpose of the fundraising credit system is to help students pay fees for major band activities, including but not limited to, band camp, marching season, travel fees, band jacket purchase, and fees for any other organized competitions or event. Each band student will have a student account where his or her fundraising credits will be tallied. Students earn fundraising credits when they participate in a fundraising event. **It is absolutely essential that students and their families participate in all of the fundraising activities of the Band Parents Association.**

FUNDRAISING IS UTILIZED TO PAY FOR STAFF, MUSIC, DRILL AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

The amount of credit awarded for each fundraising activity is determined by the Steering Committee of the SHS Band Parents Association for each project, each year. It is the policy of the steering committee to define as clearly as possible in advance of each fundraiser the amount of credit available to each student and any restrictions, such as minimum participation level or collection deadlines.

The following policy has been developed to specify how fund raising credits may be applied to fees and in what priority.

FIRST PRIORITY

- Credits shall first be applied to band camp and marching season fees (sophomores, juniors, seniors).

SECOND PRIORITY

- When first priority fees have been satisfied in full for the season, credits may be applied to band-sponsored trips, the annual band banquet, or other events designated by the steering committee.

CARRYOVER & TRANSFER

- Students may carry forward unused credits from one year to the next, and graduating seniors may transfer unused credits to a sibling enrolled in the band for the following year. Unused credits of graduating seniors not carried forward to a sibling will be given up and recovered by the band association. Unused credits in the account of a student who leaves the band under any other circumstance will be addressed by the board as needed and on an individual basis. Credits may not be transferred from one student to another (except siblings) or from one family to another.

CALCULATING CREDITS

The Steering Committee, in consultation with the band director, will have the final responsibility for resolving any conflicts regarding fund raising credits, and for establishing any other requirements for participation.

ANNUAL BAND DUES – STRUCTURE & REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education provides financial support to purchase new uniforms, monetary stipends (during the marching band season) for the band director, the assistant band director and the percussion instructor. All other operating expenses are absorbed by the Stamford High School Band Parents Association.

What are some of the expenses that the Stamford High School Band Parents Association raises funds to pay for?

- Payment of staff salaries
- Payment to obtain the licensing rights for the selected annual field show, music, and adaptations for the field show
- Payment for the design, building, and purchase of all show sets
- Purchase of flag poles, flag silks, accessories and creation of uniforms for the color guard
- Payment of competition entry fees

The annual operating budget is satisfied by fund raising and from the collection of dues.

Each student must pay a minimum of \$100 with all registration forms completed no later than the first day of band camp.

Dues for the 2009-2010 marching band season are \$300.00.*
This includes the purchase of the warm-ups.

If total dues are paid by 8/21, there is a \$25. discount, making dues \$275.

Forms of payment: Cash, Check
FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD, SHS MARCHING BAND WEBSITE WILL HAVE THE PAYPAL DETAILS SOON

***The cost for the second student in the same family is \$250.00. Winter Percussion, Winter Guard, and other programs have dues requirements independent of this program.**

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2009 MARCHING BAND SEASON

\$300.00 **TOTAL DUES FOR SEASON**

\$25.00 DISCOUNT IF PAID IN FULL BY AUGUST 21, 2008

\$100.00 AUGUST 17, 2009

\$ 50.00 AUGUST 28, 2009

\$ 50.00 SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

\$ 50.00 SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

\$ 50.00 SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

FULL PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER 18. THE SHSBPAI DEPENDS ON EACH MEMBER'S DUES TO HELP PAY STAFF AND PROVIDE ALL OF THE THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE BAND SEASON.

If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Phil Waselik or Charlotte Bishop immediately.

Please put all payments in an envelope with the student's name and payment written on it and give it to ONLY Mr. Waselik or Charlotte Bishop.

Health History/Permission to Travel & Medical Release

In order to participate in ANY band activity, including band camp, evening rehearsals, performances, and competitions, students must have an up-to-date Health History and signed “Permission to Travel & Medical Release” on file. In case of an emergency, the staff must be able to give this information to medical personnel to provide medical care for the student. **Please complete, in detail, the Health History and Permission to Travel & Medical Release forms in this handbook and return no later than the first day of camp.** The Band Parents Association will maintain the medical history database, and the band director will have a hard copy for all band activities.

IMPORTANT!

ANY STUDENT WHO HAS NOT SUBMITTED A COMPLETE, UP-TO-DATE HEALTH HISTORY AND SIGNED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN BAND ACTIVITIES.

Communication

Communication between parents and the band is an important priority. In order to facilitate open communication lines, the Band Parents Association will use phone calls and e-mail for band parents and students. It is imperative that the association be provided with current phone numbers and e-mail addresses of both students and parents. During the years that your student is a member of the band, it is important that you advise us of any change of address, phone or e-mail. Please refer to the listing at the end of this handbook for e-mail and phone numbers.

The Band director may be contacted at the music department office. The phone number is (203) 977-4306. A voice messaging system is available at this number 24 hours a day.

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE CONTRACT

In order for the Stamford High School Marching Band and all performing groups to achieve the highest level of musical excellence, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Any potential conflicts with rehearsals or performances must be submitted in writing (using the attendance form) at least one month prior to the conflict. It is equally important for students to be on time and ready to begin (instruments, music, and equipment on person, dressed appropriately) at the designated starting time. It is important to note: in order to start on time, the student must arrive a few minutes prior to rehearsal. Any student not prepared to begin on time will be considered late.

Specific consequences for lateness and unexcused absences will be outlined in the rule book. Consequences for lateness, absence or inappropriate behavior will be set and enforced by the staff and director.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Participation in the Stamford High Marching Band without registration in Concert Band Class is a PRIVILEGE. Students under this exception are expected to maintain punctuality and dedication of a very high standard, because they do not have grades that can be adjusted. **Any student with consistent lateness, absence or inappropriate behavior risks being removed from the ensemble.**

The only acceptable excuses for missing rehearsals or performances are:

- documented illness, with a doctor's note
- calendar religious holiday
- death in the family

This emphasis on attendance is for the good of the entire band. Without full attendance, we cannot function as a proper whole. Our team is harmed by inconsistent effort. Success will only come with consistent attendance at rehearsals by all members of the SHS Band.

I, _____, accept the terms of attendance for the Stamford Marching Band. I understand that if I violate this contract, my course grade will be affected. I also understand that the director reserves the right to revoke my performing opportunities subject to the above penalties and/or remove me from band membership if I violate the above policies.

Signed

Date

I have discussed the attendance policy of the band with my child and will support the band Policies regarding attendance.

Signed (parent/guardian)

Date

Signed (parent/guardian)

Date

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

STAMFORD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD EXCUSED ABSENCE FORM

****Note: an approved excused absence must follow the regulations designated in the student attendance contract. Completion of this form does not constitute an excused absence. The band director must approve all absences.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Date **submitted**: _____

Date of **absence**: _____

Reason for absence (attach necessary documentation):

Student signature _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

Approved

Denied

Director signature: _____

In order to ensure optimal attendance for all members at all events, the attendance contract between the student and the band must be signed and delivered to the band director prior to enrolling in band.

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

Stamford High School Marching Band & Color Guard

SPORTS ATTENDANCE CONTRACT

Waiver for members of fall athletic teams of Stamford High School:

The band program for Stamford High School fall athletes will accommodate limited specific Provisions. Rehearsals have been specifically scheduled to avoid conflicts with sports activities. However, it is possible that certain games away from Stamford High might come into direct conflict with band rehearsals. Therefore, **student athletes must sign the sports attendance contract and have both the respective coach and band director sign off to avoid potential conflicts.**

It is the intention of the band program to cooperate with the athletic programs so those students electing to participate in both may do so. However, this requires great organization and planning skills. **Students who participate in sport practices are expected to be on time to band rehearsals.**

In the event that a student is participating in an athletic **game** that would cause tardiness or absence to band **rehearsal**, the student will be excused without penalty. **The student MUST provide a minimum of two weeks notice** (but preferably before the season begins) to the band director in writing (using the attendance form). **Students will make every effort to attend rehearsal. A show of good faith on the student is expected.** If a conflict arises with less than two week's notice (e.g. FCIAC playoffs, CIAC State playoffs) the written excuse will be subject to approval by the band director.

If a band **performance** conflicts with a sports **practice**, students **will be expected to attend the band performance.**

I have read the Sports Attendance Contract and understand the responsibility of accepting two Fall activities. I understand that Marching Band is a seasonal required element of the Band class and is given full High School Credit (5.0). Attendance at all rehearsals and Performances including Band Camp is required to receive a passing grade for the first quarter of Band.

I _____, am participating in both band and _____.
(student name) (Sport)

I have read and I understand and accept the terms of the band/sports attendance policy

_____/_____/200_
Student signature Date

I understand that the above student is participating in both band and a Stamford High School sport. We will do our best to avoid conflicts and help the student succeed. I have read and discussed the sports attendance policy of the band with my child and will support the band policies regarding attendance.

_____ Signed (parent/guardian) _____ Date	_____ Signed (parent/guardian) _____ Date
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Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

Student & Family Information Form

Fill In All Applicable Boxes. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name		Date of Birth	
Address		Graduating Class	
City, Zip		E-mail Address	
Home phone	()	Instrument	
Fax phone	()	Instrument	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Male		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Father's Name		Mother's Name	
Address		Address	
City, Zip		City, Zip	
Home phone	()	Home phone	()
Work phone	()	Work phone	()
Cell phone	()	Cell phone	()
Fax phone	()	Fax phone	()
e-Mail Address		e-Mail Address	
Guardian's Name			
Address			
City, Zip			
Home phone	()		
Work phone	()		
Cell phone	()		
Fax phone	()		
e-Mail Address			

For office use only

\$300.00 registration fee on / / (\$ √) √# _____ received by _____

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

QUARTER MASTER SURVEY FORM

UNIFORM INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ **First name** _____ **Last Name** _____ **phone** _____

Weight		
Height	_____ Ft _____ In	
Hat Size		
Shoe Size		
Jacket		
Pants Inseam		
Pants Waist		
Sleeve Length		

Uniform Assignment:

	Pants	Jacket	Hat	Gloves Given	Shoes		
2009				<input type="checkbox"/> / /2009	<input type="checkbox"/> / /2009		
2010				<input type="checkbox"/> / /2010	<input type="checkbox"/> / /2010		
2011				<input type="checkbox"/> / /2011	<input type="checkbox"/> / /2011		
2012				<input type="checkbox"/> / /2012	<input type="checkbox"/> / /2012		
2013				<input type="checkbox"/> / /2013	<input type="checkbox"/> / /2013		

Notes:

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

Permission to Travel & Medical Release Form 2009-2010 Season - Stamford High School Band Program

Name of Student: _____

Birth date: ____ / ____ / _____

Name of Parents: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____

I give my child permission to travel with the Stamford High School Band on all school sponsored band trips and activities during the 2009-2010 school year.

In the event that reasonable attempts to contact me at (_____) _____ or another parent/guardian at (_____) _____ have been unsuccessful. I authorize Mr. Phil Waselik and/or supervising school staff or parent sponsors to seek medical treatment for my child. I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentists; and the transfer of my child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover any major surgery unless the medical opinions of two licensed physicians or dentists, concurring it necessity for such surgery is obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. I will list on the back of this form any medical conditions, allergies, prescribed medications, or other pertinent information that would aid in the treatment of my child.

(Parent / Guardian Signature): _____ Date: _____

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Additional Comments:

Mail completed form to SHS Band Parents Association or submit to band director.

Please Note: You must bring completed form to registration.

Parents - Tell Us About Yourself

My name is _____

I am the mother of _____

I can do: (check all that apply)

Carpentry	
Painting	
Sewing	
Graphic Arts	
Web Design	
Cook and Bake	
I have a truck	
I have a Class 2 drivers license	
Yes, my employer will match my tax deductible donations. (matching contributions program)	
Yes, I work locally and I can offer my services as a daytime band chaperone.	
Yes, I am interested in volunteering my services to the Band Parents Committees	
Yes, I have local contacts with the news media	
Yes, I can approach my corporation or business to ask for support for the band	



My name is _____

I am the father of _____

I can do: (check all that apply)

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Painting	
Sewing	
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Stamford High School Marching Band & Color Guard Band Jacket Order Form

Jacket Type	Select Style	Cost	Size (Circle)
Black Satin (S/M/L) @ \$87.00			Small
Black Wool (S/M/L) @ \$155.00			Medium
Black Pullover (S/M/L) @ \$90.00			Large
			X Large
For XL OR XXL add \$5.00			XX Large
For XXXL add \$10.00			XXX Large
	Total→		

Left Front of Jacket		Text Choice Left Front of Jacket	
Select (1) One		Select (1) One	
Crossed Flags		Band	
Music Lyre		Color Guard	
Knights Head		Percussion	
Crossed Sticks		Band Parent	
Knight on Horse		Pit Crew	
		Set Crew	
		Instructor	

NAME ON JACKET:

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name	
Student Address	
Student Phone	

FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER.

Make Check Payable to: SHS Band Parents Association Inc.	Mail To: SHS Band Parents Association Inc. (Address on Last Page) Email: shsbandparents@aol.com
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Important Phone Numbers and Addresses

Phil Waselik, Band Director: (203) 977-4306 & pwaselik@ci.stamford.ct.us

**Stamford High School Marching Band & Color Guard Web Site:
<http://www.stamfordhighband.net>**

SHS Band Parents Association e-mail address: shsbandparents@yahoo.com

**Mailing Address:
SHS Band Parents Association Inc.
P.O. Box 4574
Stamford, CT 06907**

**SHS Band Parents Association Co-Presidents:
Charlotte Bishop - phone # 203-921-8925 - cmbishop@optonline.net
Cimara O'Shea - phone # 203-249-8599 cimarao@optonline.net**

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For more information or questions in relation to this handbook please contact Mr. Waselik at (203) 977-4306 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Respect

Integrity

Dedication

Excellence